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TAGS: OREP (STEVENSON, ADLAI E.), SY

SUBJECT:CODEL STEVENSON

REF: DAMASCUS 0539

1. SENATOR STEVENSON AND MR. BUELL PLEASED TO ACCEPT
AMBASSADOR'S CONSIDERATE INVITATION FOR THEM TO STAY
AT RESIDENCE.

2. BUELL ADVISES US THAT SENATOR IS PRIMARILY INTERESTED
IN ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUE AND HOW SYRIA FITS INTO MIDEAST
SITUATION AND PEACE EFFORTS. HE BELIEVES APPOINTMENTS WITH
PETROLEUM AND ECONOMY MINISTERS SUGGESTED REFTTEL WILL
ADEQUATELY COVER ECONOMIC SIDE AND IT THEREFORE NOT
NECESSARY TO CALL ON DEPUTY PM FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS,
UNLESS COURTESY REQUIRES, OR TO PROGRAM IN NUCLEAR AREA.
HE RECOMMENDS THAT ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS SHOULD BE
WITH PERSONS ON POLITICAL AND/OR MILITARY SIDE, PARTICU-
LARLY IF UNABLE TO SEE PRESIDENT ASSAD, AND THAT SUCH
PERSONS SHOULD DEFINITELY BE INCLUDED IN SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

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IF POSSIBLE.

3. CODEL WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO VISIT SYRIAN GOLAN AREA AND HOPES TRIP CAN BE WORKED INTO SCHEDULE.

4. SENATOR WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE PROVIDING NAMES OF ANY SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS HE WISHES TO SEE IN DAMASCUS. HE ALSO DOES NOT WISH TO HAVE ANY PRESS OPPORTUNITIES OR TO MAKE ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS DURING VISIT.

5. FYI: SENATOR MET RECENTLY WITH CLOVIS MAKSOUD AND MAKSOUD VOLUNTEERED TO ARRANGE MEETING FOR SENATOR WITH ARAFAT OR OTHER PLO REPRESENTATIVE. ACCORDING TO MAKSOUD, MEETING MAY BE IN EITHER DAMASCUS OR BEIRUT IF SITUATION PERMITS. IF IN BEIRUT MAKSOUD SAID HE COULD PROBABLY ARRANGE TO TRANSPORT SENATOR BY HELICOPTER. SENATOR ALSO MET RECENTLY WITH SYRIAN AMBASSADOR, WHO REPORTEDLY VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT STEVENSON VISIT AND ENCOURAGED SENATOR TO VISIT EUPHRATES DAM VIA HELICOPTER WHICH SARG WOULD PROVIDE. BUELL BELIEVES AMBASSADOR'S ENTHUSIASM MAY RESULT FROM SENATOR'S VOTE LAST OCTOBER AGAINST RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT U.S. PROPOSAL FOR THE EARLY-WARNING SYSTEM IN SINAI AND HIS OPPOSITION TO INTERIM SINAI AGREEMENT. BUELL NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT SYRIANS MAY BE OVERLOOKING SENATOR'S SPEECH AT THE TIME WHICH CITED AS ONE REASON FOR HIS OPPOSITION FEAR THAT INTERIM AGREEMENT MAY ISOLATE EGYPT FROM MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORTS LEAVING THEM IN HANDS OF LESS MODERATE ARAB LEADERS. WE PRESUME THAT SYRIAN AMBASSADOR WILL BE COMMUNICATING WITH SARG, PROBABLY RECOMMENDING THAT ASSAD MEET WITH STEVENSON AND SARG FOLLOW-THROUGH ON HIS OFFER OF VISIT TO EUPHRATES (WHICH SENATOR INCLINED ACCEPT IF CAN BE WORKED INTO SCHEDULE).

6. WE WILL BE SENDING YOU SEPTTEL DESCRIBING STEVENSON-WILLIAMS BILL DEALING WITH FOREIGN BOYCOTTS AND DISCLOSURE OF FOREIGN INVESTMENTS IN U.S. BILL HAS BEEN REPORTED OUT OF SENATE BANKING, HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE BUT SENATOR STEVENSON DOES NOT EXPECT FURTHER ACTION ON IT PRIOR TO HIS VISIT. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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